

Piedmont Refuge is part of a system of more than 540 National Wildlife Refuges, which provide for the conservation and management of habitats to benefit fish and wildlife. The refuge uses a variety of management techniques, primarily timber harvest and prescribed burning to sustain a healthy pine / hardwood forest. The refuge strives to provide quality hunting and fishing opportunities when compatible with the refuge management objectives.

The refuge is open to the public year round for visitation and pre-hunt scouting during day light hours, except during firearm deer hunts.

A portion of Little Rock Wildlife Drive will be seasonally closed from November 15 to February 15.

General Hunt Regulations

Public hunting is permitted on approximately 34,000 acres of Piedmont National Wildlife Refuge with a refuge hunting permit. Areas closed to hunting are marked with signs and orange paint. The refuge boundary is marked with signs and yellow paint.



In addition to Federal regulations, State Game and Fish laws and regulations are adopted and in effect unless they have been further restricted by Federal law or regulations. Licenses, permits, all hunting and fishing equipment and effects, and vehicles or other conveyances are subject to inspection by Federal and State officers.



Camping by permitted hunters in Pippins lake Campground is authorized only during big game hunts, except the December archery season. The campground will open 8:00 am the day before each hunt and close at 11:00 am the day after each hunt.

Some access roads may be closed for small game and turkey seasons or in bad weather.

Hunter access is permitted from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset during open seasons.

Hitchiti Experimental Forest

The Hitchiti Experimental Forest is open for

| Hunting Seasons 2005 - 2006                      |  |   |                           |
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| <i>Type Hunt</i>                                 | <i>Required Permits</i>                            | <i>Season Dates</i>   | <i>Bag Limits</i>         |
| Deer - Either sex Archery                        | General Refuge Permit                              | Sep. 10-Oct. 2, 2005<br>Dec. 26, 2005 - Jan. 1, 2006  | state limit               |
| Deer - Either sex Disabled Hunt                  | Special Refuge Permit for Wheelchair Bound Persons | October 14-15, 2005   | 2 deer only<br>1 antlered |
| Deer - Buck only with visible antlers - Firearms | Quota 1250   | October 27-29, 2005   | 1 antlered deer           |
| Deer - Either sex Primitive Weapons              | Quota 1250   | November 3-5, 2005  | 2 deer only<br>1 antlered |
| Deer - Either sex Firearms                       | Quota 1250   | November 10-12, 2005<br>November 17-19, 2005  | 2 deer only<br>1 antlered |
| Quail, Squirrel, Rabbit                          | General Refuge Permit                              | State season except Refuge small game hunts will be closed during all refuge deer gun hunts and the September archery season. | state limit               |
| Raccoon, Opossum                                 | General Refuge Permit                              | January 6-7, 2006<br>January 13-14, 2006<br>January 20-21, 2006<br>January 27-28, 2006  | state limit               |
| Spring Turkey                                    | Quota 330<br>Quota 330<br>Quota 330                | March 28-April 1, 2006<br>April 11-15, 2006<br>April 25-29, 2006  | state limit               |

hunting only during refuge hunting seasons with a Piedmont Refuge hunt special use permit and in accordance with refuge regulations.

Hunter Education / Children

Hunters age 16-25 must possess the hunter education certificate while hunting. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by and be under direct supervision (within sight or hearing) of a person 18 years old or older to hunt or fish on the refuge. Hunter education is not required for children under the age of 16.

Big Game Hunting

All big game must be checked on the day killed at the refuge check station as designated.

During deer archery, deer must be recorded on the hunter’s state harvest record at the site of kill.

On deer firearm hunts, a special tag will be issued at the check station. Do not record kill on the state

harvest record. These deer will not count towards a hunter’s season limit.

Tree Stands

Tree stands may be placed the day prior to each hunt and must be removed by 11:00 am the day after the hunt.

Small Game

During raccoon and opossum hunts permitted weapons are limited to .22 cal or smaller rim fire firearms. Hunting hours are from 6:00 pm to 6:00 am.

Squirrel, rabbit, and quail hunting are not permitted during refuge deer hunt dates, except the December archery.

Sport Fishing Regulations

Fishing is open April 1 through September 30, from sunrise to sunset.

Fishing is permitted in ponds designated as open to fishing.

Refuge streams are open for bank fishing in all areas not designated as “Area Closed.”

Species and limits: **Bass**–5 (must be 12 inches in length); **Catfish**–5; **Bream**–15.

Fishermen may not use or possess fish (minnows) for bait.

Fishermen may use only rod and reel or pole and line to fish.

Fishermen may not place or throw feeds to attract fish.

Children’s Pond (Pond 21A)

Opens with annual fishing rodeo in mid-April.

Fishing in this pond is restricted to children 15 years of age or younger; adults may only assist children.

Boats

Boats with electric motors are permitted only in Allison Lake and Pond 2A. Gasoline motors are prohibited. Portable, non-motorized boats are permitted in all ponds designated as open to fishing, except for pond 21A (children’s pond).

How to Get Refuge Permits

Permits are required for all hunters and fishermen regardless of age and **ARE NOT TRANSFERABLE**. When signed, this brochure serves as your permit for fishing, small game, raccoon and deer archery hunts. Additional permits may be obtained at refuge headquarters or by mail.

Application forms for the deer gun hunts will be available in June and must be returned to the refuge office by 12:00 noon on August 31, 2005. A public drawing will be held at 1:00 pm August 31, 2005.

Applications for the turkey hunts will be available in January and must be returned to the refuge office by 12:00 noon on February 28, 2006. A public drawing will be held at 1:00 pm February 28, 2006.

Persons interested in the special disabled hunt (only for wheel-chair bound persons) should contact the Refuge Office for information concerning this hunt by October 1.

Contact the refuge office for more information or to report any violations of refuge regulations 478/986 5441.

General Prohibited Activities

Taking, collecting or disturbing any plant or wildlife other than that specifically permitted by refuge regulation.

Possession or use of alcoholic beverages except in the designated camping area.

Driving metal objects into trees or hunting from a tree in which metal objects have been driven.

Marking trails with flagging, blazing, painting, paper, trash or other devices.

Entering refuge during deer firearms hunt without a refuge permit.

Possess or hunt with buckshot.

Hunting or shooting from or within 50 yards of a road open to vehicle travel or 200 yards of a building.

Transporting a loaded firearm in a vehicle.

Target shooting, or the discharge of weapons in the campground.

Possessing firearms except by permitted hunter during open seasons.

Off road vehicle travel. Vehicle travel is limited to open graveled roads.

Use of ATVs or other off road vehicles.

Leaving vehicles or trailers on refuge overnight.

Blocking refuge road, boat ramp or gate with vehicles or vehicle travel around a closed gate.

Disturbing, annoying or interfering with other persons.

Use audio equipment, noise making devices or generators after 10:00 pm or before 6:00 am in the campground.

Open fires except in the designated camping area.

Unleashed pets.

Littering.

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